

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for managing business continuance operations from a host computer having a mass storage subsystem with business continuance volume features and at least two volumes, comprising a time maker function command processor executing in said host computer for parsing and implementing business continuance volume commands in order to transmit signals to and receive signals from said mass storage subsystem, to activate said business continuance volume features without disrupting business application processing.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said business continuance volume commands further comprise syntax to allow a user to identify standard volumes and business continuance volumes on said mass storage subsystem.

3-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said business continuance volume commands further comprise a query command for reporting on the status of business continuance volumes in said mass storage subsystem.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said signals are inserted in a channel command word and sent by a startio instruction to said mass storage subsystem.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said business continuance volume commands include volume conditioning statements to place business continuance volumes in condition for other uses.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said volume conditioning statements include a relabel statement for changing the label on a volume.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said volume conditioning statements include a process statement for selecting volumes on which to operate.

15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said volume conditioning statements include a rename statement for renaming data sets.

16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said volume conditioning statements include a simulate statement for simulating the effect of other volume conditioning statements without making actual changes.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for managing business continuance operations from a host computer having a mass storage subsystem with business continuance volume features and at least two volumes, comprising the step of executing in said host computer a time maker function command processor for parsing and implementing business continuance volume commands in order to transmit signals to and receive signals from said mass storage subsystem to activate said business continuance volume features without disrupting business application processing.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 18, wherein said step of parsing and implementing business continuance volume commands further comprises the step of parsing syntax to allow a user to identify standard volumes and business continuance volumes on said mass storage subsystem.

20-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 18, wherein said step of parsing and implementing business continuance volume commands further comprises the step of implementing a query command for reporting on the status of business continuance volumes in said mass storage subsystem.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said step of parsing and implementing further comprises the step of inserting signals in a channel command word sent by a startio instruction to said mass storage subsystem.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 18, wherein said step of parsing and implementing business continuance volume commands includes the step of implementing volume conditioning statements to place business continuance volumes in condition for other uses.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of implementing volume conditioning statements includes the step of implementing a relabel statement for changing the label on a volume.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of implementing volume conditioning statements includes the step of implementing a process statement for selecting volumes to be operated on.

32. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of implementing volume conditioning statements includes the step of implementing a rename statement for renaming data sets.

33. (Original) The method of Claim 28, wherein said step of implementing volume conditioning statements includes the step of implementing a simulate statement for simulating the effect of other volume conditioning statements without making actual changes.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) A business continuance operations management system comprising:

a host computer having a mass storage subsystem and a command processor; and
a business continuance volume command activation device for parsing business continuance volume commands and transmitting signals to the mass storage subsystem and receiving signals from the mass storage subsystem to activate business continuance volume features associated with the mass storage subsystem without disrupting business application processing on the host computer.